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### **Woodland Heights Honors Tenured Employees**

**Lufkin, TX (April 6, 2011)** – Woodland Heights Medical Center celebrated tenured employees at a recent service awards presentation. More than fifty hospital employees hit service milestones, having been employed for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty & thirty-five years at the facility.

“Our employees are the backbone of Woodland Heights,” states Casey Robertson, CEO of Woodland Heights. “The quality care provided to our patients is testament to the commitment and dedication of our employees.”

One of these dedicated employees, Sarah Tatum, is being honored for 35 years of service to Woodland Heights. Tatum began at the hospital when it was located at the corner of Frank and Bynum in September of 1975. From the Intensive Care Unit to Labor & Delivery, Sarah has worked in every nursing unit at the hospital covering nurses’ aide duties to scheduling and everything in between.

“Sarah is one of those people I can always count on,” states Cathy Busbee, Chief Nursing Officer at Woodland Heights. “She helped train me when I first came to Woodland Heights and I am always confident that she can get the job done, no matter what it is.”

Tatum has raised her children, Kendrick and Dana, at Woodland Heights and is now the proud grandmother to her two ‘sugar dumplings,’ Kennedy and Connor. “Woodland Heights is like a little family. When you’re down and out, they are there for you and I will be here for them too,” adds Tatum.

For more information about Woodland Heights, visit the web site at [WoodlandHeights.net](http://WoodlandHeights.net) or call (936) 699-CARE.

### **About Woodland Heights Medical Center**

Established in 1918, Woodland Heights Medical Center was Lufkin's first hospital. Now, nine decades later, Woodland Heights is recognized throughout Deep East Texas as the leading provider of high quality, innovative health care services. Accommodating a wide range of clinical specialties, Woodland Heights has achieved excellence in key medical and surgical areas including cardiology, pulmonology, neurology, orthopedic surgery, physical medicine/rehabilitation, vascular surgery and obstetrics and gynecology. Woodland Heights also offers a full range of outpatient diagnostic services including advanced imaging, laboratory, outpatient surgery and emergency services. Through its Rehabilitation Center, Woodland Heights offers cardiac rehabilitation, stroke recovery and physical and occupational rehabilitation. Combining modern facilities, leading technology, an exceptional staff and a commitment to the communities it serves, Woodland Heights Medical Center remains at the forefront of quality health care in Deep East Texas

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### **PICTURES:**

**Tatum:** Sarah Tatum, honoree of 35 years of service with her daughter, Dana

**35 years.2011:** Sarah Tatum & Alice Lofton

**30 years.2011:** Cathy Nutt & Linda Arant; not pictured: Della Malone

**20 years.2011:** Peggy Mettlen & Deidra Cross; not pictured: Pam Ramey & Kim Cummins (25 years)

**15 years.2011:** Cindy Sheard, Dorinda Jackson, Kara Kaemmerling, Linda Campbell & Craig Brown; not pictured: Kandee Allen, Lisa Bellomy, Teresa May & Molly James

**10 years.2011:** Peggy Sturgis, Stefani Willmon, Ester Trotty, Jackie Blanton, Renee Berchy, Susan Trantham, Martha Owen, Chad Murphy, Kathy Trapp, Jackie Evans & Melissa Wells; not pictured: Mary Bruesch, Astor Rodriguez-Lopez, Mirva Jacildo, Tammy Terry, Glenda Ellington & Eva Burrows

**5 years.2011:** Sharon Hill, Jannett Fowler, Erma Simmons, Stacey Beaty, Emily May, Barbara Pressley, Lois Christian, Patsy Johnson, Melissa McKinney, Shanna Day, Dana Reynolds, Jennifer Puryear, Julie Whitley; not pictured: Dustin Pressley, Beverly Morrow, Gerald Tamplin, Julie Downs, Kim Gates, Jodie Bailey, Sharon Ellis, Sonya Carroll, Crystal Windham & Misty Maldonado